

By: The Entire Membership

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 120

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING REPRESENTATIVE JAMES "JAMIE" R.
2 FRANKS, JR., FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES AND CONGRATULATING HIM UPON HIS RETIREMENT.

4 WHEREAS, the Mississippi House of Representatives will lose a
5 friend and valued ally when Representative James "Jamie" R.
6 Franks, Jr., retires after this 2007 legislative term; and

7 WHEREAS, at age 34, this Mooreville, Mississippi, resident
8 has served in the House of Representatives since 1996, with
9 extraordinary leadership and unwavering commitment to his
10 district; and

11 WHEREAS, driven by an innate desire to improve the lives of
12 the citizens of House District 19, which includes Itawamba, Lee
13 and Tishomingo Counties, Representative Franks began serving as a
14 legislator shortly after graduating from the University of
15 Mississippi with a bachelor of arts degree in political science;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, as a passionate champion for the rights of
18 Mississippi citizens, he earned his juris doctorate from
19 Mississippi College School of Law in 2000 while serving as a
20 legislator, and has used his law degree to improve the lives of
21 Mississippians in many ways; and

22 WHEREAS, he is not only a legislator and lawyer, but an owner
23 of North Mississippi Horticultural Services; and

24 WHEREAS, Representative Franks' passion for people, astute
25 leadership skills and intelligence have been vital assets while
26 serving as Chairman of the Conservation and Water Resources
27 Committee, and as a member of the Ways and Means, Judiciary A,

28 House Management, Medical Malpractice Insurance, Public Health and
29 Human Services, State Library and Tourism Committees; and

30 WHEREAS, during his legislative tenure, he has championed
31 many issues, including fully funding K-12 public education,
32 protecting individual property rights, protecting the environment
33 and the effective use of alternative fuels; and

34 WHEREAS, he is lovingly supported in all his endeavors by his
35 beautiful wife, Alisa, and their two children, Jase and Nicholas;
36 and

37 WHEREAS, as a man of faith who strives to live the word of
38 God, he is an active member of the Tupelo Church of God; and

39 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
40 honor and recognize passionate advocates for the rights of
41 Mississippians, such as one of our own legislators:

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
43 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
44 commend Representative James "Jamie" R. Franks, Jr., for his
45 dedicated service as a member of the House of Representatives and
46 congratulate him upon his retirement.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
48 furnished to Representative James R. Franks, Jr., and to the
49 members of the Capitol Press Corps.